CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim1(amended) A device to aid a person to open a vehicle door, and which device is to be attached to the upholstered vehicle door or to a pocket mounted on said door which device comprises:

a main body comprising a back panel having an obverse and a reverse side surface, with a forwardly extending peripheral framework adapted to receive a cover member therein disposed on the obverse side thereof, said main body also having a pair of spaced mount hooks each having an upwardly extending tip, disposed on the reverse side of the back panel for engagement with a pair of upper bores in a vehicle door, and said back panel having a pair of spaced through bores spaced down from the hooks;

said main body being a further attachable to the vehicle door by the placement of rotatable tab pegs, each of which pegs has a distal end boss disposed at an offset angle, through the spaced ~~throughbores~~ through bores of the back panel of said main body, into suitable aligned lower bores;

a cover member adapted in size to be received within the confines of the forwardly extending framework, said cover member comprising an impact ~~pad~~ receiving layer having a removable means of attachment to the back panel on one side thereof.

Claim 2 (amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the means of attachment for the cover member to the back panel is ~~Velcro® or equal~~ a hook and loop fastener.

Claim 3 (original) The device of claim 1 wherein the means of attachment for the cover member to the back panel is a layer of releasable adhesive.

Claim 4 (original) The device of claim 1 wherein the impact-receiving layer of the cover member is polyurethane, selected from the group consisting of sheeting of foam and elastomer.

Claim 5 (original) The device of claim 1 wherein the main body is made of plastic.

Claim 6 (original) The device of claim 1 wherein the main body is made of metal.

Claim 7 (original) The device of claim 1 wherein the main body is color matched to the vehicle interior.

Claim 8 (original) The device of claim 1 further including a pair of spaced recesses in said back panel obverse surface, one each aligned with one of said through bores of said back panel.

Claim 9 (amended) A device to aid a person to open a vehicle door, and which device is to be attached to the upholstered vehicle door or to a pocket mounted on said door which

device comprises:

a main body comprising a back panel having an obverse and a reverse side surface, with an integrally formed forwardly extending peripheral framework adapted to receive a cover member therein disposed on the obverse side thereof, said main body also having a pair of spaced mount hooks each having an upwardly extending tip, disposed on the reverse side of the back panel for engagement with a pair of upper bores in a vehicle door, and said back panel having a pair of spaced through bores spaced down from the hooks each of which through bores is set into a recess on the obverse side of said back panel;

said main body being a further attachable to the vehicle door by the placement of rotatable tab pegs, each of which pegs has a distal end boss disposed at an offset angle, through the spaced ~~throughbores~~ through bores of the back panel of said main body, into suitable aligned lower bores;

a cover member adapted in size to be received within the confines of the forwardly extending framework, said cover member comprising an impact receiving layer having a layer of releasable adhesive thereon for attachment to the back panel on one side thereof.

Claim 10 (amended) The device of claim ~~10~~ 9 wherein the main body is made of plastic.

Claim 11 (amended) The device of claim ~~10~~ 9 wherein each peg's head is bendable along a score line, to fit flush in the respective recess.

Claim 12 (original) The process for attaching a foot impact-receiving device to a vehicle door or door pocket having spaced upper bores and spaced lower bores therein which comprises:

[a] attaching a device having a main body with an obverse side and a reverse side, a pair of spaced through bores and having a pair of spaced rearwardly extending mount hooks, each having an upwardly extending tip, on the reverse side by inserting said hooks into the upper spaced bores,

[b] inserting a pair of rotatable tab pegs through the main body into the lower spaced bores,

[c] rotating said tab pegs having the distal end boss, such that said tabs extend downwardly to lock said main body to said vehicle door or door pocket,

[d] removably attaching an impact-receiving layer to said main body.

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

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An adhesively removable impact pad is disposed within the frame perimeter after the main is attached to the pocket or the door panel. A Velcro® brand closure may also be used to attach the impact pad to the main body.

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Shown disposed within the main body portion is the removable cover member 30. This member 30 comprises an impact pad which is an impact absorbing layer 32, which is a kick panel made of high impact plastic, elastomer, or rubber having an adhesive layer 31 thereunder. The removable cover member 30 is sized to be slightly smaller in length and height so as to easily fit within the confines of the perimeter framework 17, such that it adhere smoothly to the backer panel 16 without rippling.

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Seen ~~also~~ in FIGURE ~~1~~ 2, ~~in the cutaway section of the upper left corner,~~ is mount hook 18 to be discussed infra in more detail. Also seen, in the lower right-hand cutaway area, is an RTP or rotatable tab peg 40; details on the RTP will also be discussed below.

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In FIGURE 2, a side sectional elevational view of the cover member 30 is seen disposed within the framework 17 disposed on the obverse surface of the ~~backer~~ back panel 16. A mount hook 18 having an upwardly extending tip 20, projects rearwardly and upwardly from the reverse side surface of the back panel for engagement in a manner to be set forth elsewhere herein with a vehicle door. A rotatable tab peg 40 is so named because the head or tab is able to pivot 90 degrees on a bend in its structure. See infra. An RTP is disposed through a bore 21 that passes through the backer panel. As can be seen, the tab here has been rotated such that it lies neatly in the aligned recess 19, seen in FIGURE 6, within the lower area of the backer panel 16.

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FIGURE 4 is a front perspective view of the back panel 16 with the perimeter or periphery ~~frame~~ framework 17 thereon. The back panel 16 has an obverse, and a reverse side, and as shown here has a pair of hooks 18 disposed on the reverse side, as is seen best in FIGURES 3 and 10. These hooks are disposed in a plane parallel to the top edge of the framework 17, designated 17T. The back panel also has a pair of through bores 64 equally spaced below the hooks 18 for the receipt of RTPs as will be described elsewhere herein. The shape of each

member of the framework 17 can be of any configuration known. Just as in picture frame moulding there is an unlimited selection, here too, the shape of each member may be as individual as the driver. It is recommended however that the elevation, the dimension views from the surface of he back panel 17 toward the driver, should preferably be in the area of ⅛ to¼ inch, such that the framework does not protrude more toward the driver than does the back panel 16 with the cover member 30 disposed within the framework. This suggestion is made both for aesthetics, and because there are space limitations between the side edge of the seat and the door panel or the door panel's pocket. If the framework is too elevated, the door might not close due to impacting the side of the seat.

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But in FIGURE 9, the door panel has a conventional pocket 61 mounted thereon. Here the apertures 65 to mount the device are made in a rectangular pattern in the pocket 61, though they need not be. Holes 64 and 65 are the same just on a different surface. Bores 64 are in the panel, ~~bores 60~~ apertures 65 on the pocket. While two are suggested on each row, an additional bore for an additional hook or RTP may be employed. The use of but one hook and just one peg, while operable is not recommended.

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FIGURE 11 is a diagrammatic view that illustrates the assembly of this invention. The first step 90 is to drill the four holes or six holes as may be desired in the door panel 60 or the door panel pocket, not seen here. The second step, ~~unnumbered~~ step 92, is to place the two hooks 18 seen in FIGURE 2 into the two upper bores just provided in the door panel to partially attach the back panel 16 to the door 60. These hooks are inserted such that each hook end is at an upward disposition. Next is step ~~92~~ 91, the placement of the RTPs 40, in the bores 21- see also FIGURE 7, and through the cover member 16. The RTPs are inserted and then rotated such that the boss on each is rotated downwardly to lock the main body 15 to the door or door pocket. This completes the attachment of the back panel to the door or pocket thereof. Next the step 93 is to removably attach, preferably removably adhese, the cover member 30 within the defined frame on the back panel.